

City of Yankton:

RIVERSIDE PARK--From Dreams to Reality
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What started out as the wild-eyed ideas of a community task force in 1984 turned into reality as we entered the decade of the 90's. Riverside Park, 20 acres of land bordering a quarter mile stretch of the mighty Missouri River on the south edge of the City, has been rejuvenated into an area of beauty offering recreational opportunities for all to enjoy.

With assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State of South Dakota, the James River Development District and many others, construction finally began in the fall of 1989 and the project was completed this spring of 1991. The completely irrigated park now offers forms of both passive and active recreation. A stroll along the lighted trails, a picnic in one of the scenic overlooks, a visit to the Dakota Territorial Capitol replica, enjoying the sounds of a band concert in the amphitheater, or just sitting along the banks watching the river flow by allows one to relax in serenity. For those more actively inclined, try the playground area, launch your boat from the new ramps and docks, fish from the pier extending over the river, play a game of volleyball with your friends, or cheer for your favorite players and teams at the baseball stadium or softball field. Whatever your leisure desires, you should be able to fulfill them at Riverside Park.

In addition, Riverside Park is also home to the annual 4th of July fireworks display and the Riverboat Days Celebration in August. If you have dreams of fun and relaxation, let them become a reality at Riverside Park.

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